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MEETING (01.00) SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

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1. IF TIME PERMITS AND AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING FOR INCLUSION IN DR. PRESS'S TALKING POINTS WITH KIRILLING DURING JULY 6 INFORMAL MEETING OR JCM.

2. MHD

MENTION OF THE SUCCESSFUL DELIVERY OF THE SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET (REF A) SHOULD SET A POSITIVE TONE AND PARTICULARLY PLEASE KIRILLIN, WHO IS FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF HIGH TEMPERATURES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO LEARN FROM KIRILLIN THE STATUS OF SOVIET PLANS FOR FULL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT OF MHD (WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT AUTHORIZATION IS IMMINENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE U-500 STARTING IN 1980).

3. OTHER ENERGY MATTERS

(A) U.S. DOMESTIC ENERGY RE-ORGANIZATION
AS TOP SOVIET ENERGY POLICY MAKER, KIRILLIN SHOULD APPRECIATE

A BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND HOW THIS DEVELOPMENT AFFECTS BILATERAL COOPERATION UNDER THE ATOMIC ENERGY, ENERGY AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS.

(B) YAKUTSK AND OTHER SIBERIAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

IN NOTING KIRILLIN'S SCHEDULED MEETING IN NEW YORK JULY 9 WITH BROWN AND ROOT CONSORTIUM, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE KIRILLIN'S THOUGHTS ON THE NORTH STAR PROJECT (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS DEAD FOR THIS FIVE YEAR PLAN) AS WELL AS YAKUTSK AND OTHER SIBERIAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS.

(C) NUCLEAR ENERGY

WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DR. PRESS TO NOTE U.S. INTEREST IN WORKING WITH THE SOVIETS BOTH MULTILATERALLY AND BILATERALLY ON NUCLEAR MATTERS SUCH AS ALTERNATIVE TO THE PLUTONIUM CYCLE, RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL AND NUCLEAR INSPECTION AND SAFETY (REF B).

4. "LARGE PROJECTS"

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE MHD PROJECT, WHICH PROMISES DIRECT AND SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES, CAN BE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF COOPERATION THAT KOSYGIN TALKED TO DR. STEVER ABOUT IN NOVEMBER 1975. SHOULD KIRILLIN RAISE MEDICAL COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES (EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDERSTANDS THIS WAS INFORMALLY BROACHED BY HEW WITH THE SOVIETS IN GENEVA), WE BELIEVE THE BEST RESPONSE TO THIS POINT WOULD BE A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW STUDY OF "HEALTH PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT HEALTH BILATERAL JCM. (THIS APPROACH WILL GIVE THE U.S. SIDE TIME TO LEARN WHAT SOVIET INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES IN THE AREA AND COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A DECISION ON ACTUAL JOINT WORK IN A THIRD COUNTRY AT A LATER DATE.)

5. SCST ROLE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

A MAJOR PROBLEM FACED BY THE U.S. IN BILATERAL COOPERATION IS THE WEAK LATERAL COORDINATION ON SCIENCE MATTERS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE SCST HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE PROBLEM IN SPECIFIC INSTANCES, AND THEIR HELP IS APPRECIATED. THE U.S. WILL INCREASINGLY LOOK TO THE SCST, WHICH TAKES ON A NEW RESPONSIBILITY TO "ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE" COOPERATION, TO ASSIST AS APPROPRIATE IN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT CROSS ORGANIZATIONAL LINES.

6. RELEASE OF UNPUBLISHED AND UNCLASSIFIED TECHNICAL INFOR-MATION REF C PROVIDES MAJOR POINTS. IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE REFUSING TO PROVIDE PRE-PRINTS TO CONFERENCE

SYMPOSIA AND ARTICLES FOR TECHNICAL JOURNALS ON THE GROUNDS THEY WOULD PREJUDICE THE PUBLISHER'S RIGHTS. THE U.S. SIDE GENERALLY FREELY PROVIDES PRE-PRINTS TO SOVIETS. WE HOPE THIS IMBALANCE CAN BE ELIMINATED.

7. TRAVEL OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL

ON THREE OCCASIONS IN THEPAST EIGHT MONTHS EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REFUSED TRAVEL WITH U.S. DELEGATIONS VISITING THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE SPECIALIZED BILATERALS. THIS IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT ONLY DISRUPTIVE OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BUT IS COUNTER TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREEMENT, WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THEIR EMBASSY IN DELEGATIONS.

8. GRANTING OF EXIT VISAS FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT REQUIRE EXIT VISAS FOR SOVIET EXCHANGEES WHILE THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR AMERICAN EXCHANGEES HERE. THIS IMBALANCE CAN BE CORRECTED IF SOVIETS AS A GENERAL RULE PROVIDE AN EXIT VISA AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY ENTRY VISA IS GIVEN. DESPITE PERSISTENT EMBASSY EFFORTS, THE SOVIETS HAVE JUST STATED THAT LONGTERM U.S. EXCHANGEES WILL NOT RECEIVE EXIT VISAS (REF D). THIS SITUATION MAKES OUR LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES HERE PRACTICALLY HOSTAGES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. MOREOVER, THEIR EXCUSE THAT SOVIET REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH VISAS IS PATENTLY INVALID; THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO GRANT EXIT VISAS FOR LONG TERM EXCHANGEES FROM FRANCE.

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